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CHAPTER XXXIII. Olive Dumbarton spent a wakeful, wick asked. restful, and troubled night, vivid and scaring thoughts she was powerless to mistaken?"

banish, picturing the past with its troubles, dwelling on the present with its seemingly impenetrable mystery, "Who was it?" showing the future with its dread posno promises; no papers sibilities. But when at last sleep came t was profound, nor did she wake until her bell.

> easly crossed the room, and flinging kised her-

mured with a sob in her throat. The terror dominant in Veronica's voice struck its heater, in whose mind pain, a foreboding of horror.
"What is it, child?" she asked,

scarcely able to frame her sentence. "Something has happened,

"Ah, I know; he is dead," Olive Dumbarion replied in a tone of despair. Proppt and careful treatment alone "Not Mr. Bostock," and Veronica, saved her from brain fever, but utter

heart, her eyes fixed questioningly upon her dangliter's.

'Valerius?" repeated Olive Dumbarton incredulously, the truth not yet the hospital in February she was still reaching her mind

a couch in his study. His man came here to tell us, but I would not disturb on. It is terrible, terrible, mother A low mean was the only reply Olive

she realized the sudden death of one whom she had seen in health and vivid imagination to shape fears. After a long pause she said:

"This is pitiful poor Valerius. Tell me all, Veronica?"

"It is thought-it is feared-but nothing yet known. A letter lay on his desk directed to George Coris, and in the table a bottle which had containd eliloroform.

Presently she asked in a voice that was almost a whisper: Is there no letter for me?"

"I don't know, mother. I have been so scared, bitt I'll go and see." Left alone in the semi-darkened room, her grief and pity for Valerius, together with the fear which lay belind them, overcame her, and she began to sob and cry hysterically. Seeing this, Veronica, on her return, could not keep back her tears, and they both wept bitterly for some time. When eventually the girl was able to control herself and had partially succeeded in soothing het mother, she produced an envelope directed by Valerius and sealed with red wax, bearing his monogram. And the curtains having been draws and the blinds raised. Olive Dumbarton with

ed and anticipated. Meanwhile all was confusion in the house where the body ni Valerius Galbraith lay: servants going from room to room with a bewildered air; police-men going to and fro; the chilling, stagnating atmosphere of death weigh-ing upon all. And among those who came and went was Mackworth, who,

trembling hands opened the letter and read there the confession she had dread-

not without disappointment, realized that the case which had puzzled him had been brought to an end without his aid or intervention. But the previous night the inspector had returned from Paris, whither he had gone, to ascertain for himself if Valerus had been there on the night

of the Hoxton Road tragedy. Without much difficulty Mackworth had learned of Galbraith's absence from his hotel in that date, and armed with this fact ad hastened to London, resolving further to trace the movements of the man who it now seemed possible was connected with Dumbarton's death. With morning Mackworth found his labors unnecessary. Valerius had escaped, leaving a letter which acknowledged his deed.

When in due time a jury had returned a verdict declaring Valerius Gal-Dumbarton and the innocence alike of Olive and George Bostock was estab-Olive and George Bostock was estabhad suffered, self-accusation being a not uncommon occurrence with those whose minds were temporarily affected by

As time passed George Bostock's consciousness, at first faint and flit-ting, gradually strengthened and re-tained its hold for longer periods; and five days after the last operation he was enabled to answer questions. His replies, which were always monosyllabic, is the one thing I have hoped for and seemed delivered with reluctance, and it desired." was thought advisable not to tax his mind by addressing inquiries, or en-lightening him regarding what had happened until his brain regained more

of its former strength. Again and again Headwick had felt prompted to tell him of Galbraith's confession, but that he feared to disobey orders. But when one afternoon, while seated beside the patient, the latter sud-

denly asked:
"How is she?" "Headwick, knowing to whom he referred, asured him she was well.

look of contentment that relieved its weariness passed across Bostock's face. Then his friend, bending over him, said, in a low voice: We know now that you made a mis-

take; that you never killed Dumbar-Bostock looked at the speaker fixedly,

"You understand what I say?" Head-

"Ves; but why do you think I was he whispered, "Because the man who was guilty has

"Valerius Galbraith."

George Bostock closed his eyes; his mind could bear no more and conhad bung mournfully over the city the remainder of the day and the following previous evening had not yet quite night his symptoms were feverish, but lifted, and at first thought the dull gray next morning he was calmer, and his atmosphere was the light of early dawn. friend not being there he eagerly asked A glance af her watch showed her it the nurse for particulars regarding Valwas past 10 o'clock, and she touched erius Galbraith's confession. And they being given him, he remained silent As if awaiting the signal, Veronica and thoughtful, pondering over what he mmediately entered, hastily yet noise- had heard, dwelling on the mystery that and surrounded the tragedy, or the part me arm round her mother's shoulders, he had felt prompted to take when be lieving himself dying, and on the specu-"Oh, mother, mother," the girl mur- lations which had perplexed him on recognizing that he was destined to re-

And meanwhile Olive Dumbarton, immediately arose a foreshadowing of whose health had been undermind by the cruel suspense, terrible anxiety and mental strain which the tragedy of her liusband's death and its consequences had had upon her, broke down the moment perfect relief was assured her. prostration, mentally and physically, re-"No. Who then?" her mother ask-mained, and at times she despated of ed hursiedly, a load hired from her ever regaining her former condition.

So soon as she was able to leave her cooms she was ordered to the Riviera, there to remain until winter had passed so that when George Bostock had left abroad and had by that time almost re-"He was found dead this morning on covered her strength.

In March Mrs. Dumbarton was back in town, but not to the house or to Dumbarton gave. But no somer had such terrible associations and memoric the district which was fraught with for her, for Quinton Quave having volwhom she had seen in health and uncerted to find her a new dwelling strength a few days previously than her he had by lucky chance found a quaint active mind began to form surmises, her delightful house in Kensington to let, which he had immediately taken for

It was in the early summer that Quinton Quave, looking shy and neryous, came to tall Olive Dumbarton that, just having been taken into part-nership by his father, he was now in a trembling voice ready to break into tears or laughter.

"I heartly congratulate you, Quin-n," she said warmly. "Oh! thank you, thank you," he exclaimed, feeling fresh courage to con-tinue. "And you know, I hope, there's only one girl I wish to marry."
"I should be shocked to hear you in-

tended to marry two or three," replied Olive, who could not keep from langh-

Quinton laughed likewise, "I fear I am rather foolish," he stammered; "but what I meant to say was I love no one, I never have loved any one, but Veronica and-and-" "She knows this, I suppose?" Mrs.

Dumbarton said. "Oh, yes. I'm sure she does; at least I strove to let her know that I cared for her above every one else,"

"And do you think she loves you?"
"I hope you won't think she conceiled when I say I fancy she does. And that's the reason I've come to ask your permission to marry her. Olive Dumbarton leaned back in her chair, a pensive look upon her face as

she remembered her own early marri-

I hope you have no objection to me; that you don't dislike me," Quinton said, alarmed by the silence which had succeeded his last speech.

No, indeed, Quinton, I like you very

You are awfully good." "But you are very young, and Veronica is younger still.

"We grow older every day, you know," he said, as solemnly as if he were for the first time asserting a great

"As yet you are a there boy, and she a there girl, and neither of you can be expected to know your own minds."
"Oh, Mrs. Dumbarton," he replied, hurriedly, and with a tone of reproach.

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"Pardon me, but you make a mistake. I am quite resolved to marry Veronica and no one else. You don't understand how I love her."

She smiled at his earnestness.

"And I don't think Veronica will ever marry any man but me," he added, proudly. "She told me she wouldn't."

"You have settled if between you?"

"Practically. We felt sure you, who have always been so good and kind, would not stand in the way of our happiness."

"Nor shall I, Quinton; but I want which he had immediately taken for her.

And here, in this house which welcomed her by its brightness, its air of old-fashioned solidity, its promise of



And as the flames consumed each separate sheet it was as though a year of his existence had escaped his grasp.

comfort, she met George Bostock for the first time since his accident. As he entered the room where she awaited him, she rose nervously and advanced with outstretched hands, her eyes meet-

He was teiling her in a voice he strove lished. That the latter had confessed to steady and command how glad he to a murder of which he had not been was they had met again after what Conchitis and guilty was set down by the press and received by the public as a consequence of the delirium from which he suddenly interrupted him, for she could suddenly interrupted him, for she could keep no longer silent: "How can I thank you? What words

of mine can tell you how I feel for what you would have done, for the sacrifice you would have made for me?" It was now his turn to remain mute

but only for a second; the opportunity he desired was given him, and he rapidly replied:
"Give me, if you can, your love; i

Very ealmly, her eyes seeking his, she said:

"It is yours already."
"Mine?" he exclaimed in delight, and he took her in his arms as if he would snatch her from all further pain and shelter her from care.

While the short afternoon of that spring day died, they two emptied their hearts. He told her what he believed she neither knew nor suspected, how from the first day he saw her a fresh interest had come into his lonely life, and out of this interest had sprung a love that was to him a revelation; told her of the pride he had felt in her success, of the happiness he had found in her friendship, of the grief he had known because he was unable to claim her as his own.

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"Yes," he answered, impressed by the gravity of her voice, "that would be terrible, but I cannot imagine it happening to Veronica or to me, for I love her very dearly, and she—But what test can I give you?"

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"Twelve months is a long time," he said regretfully, "and I thought but never mind; it won't be long passing never mind; it won't be long passing if we may see each other continually. Thank you. I can't tell you how happy you have made me. I will go and tell Veronica now," and starting up, he went towards the garden, where he knew the girl was waiting for him.

"How long you have been. I thought you were never coming to tell me? What has mother said?" Veronica exclaimed in nervous impatience as he drew near.

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"We haven't entered into our engagement yet, you know. That always begins with a kiss."
"Must ours?" she asked, pouting

"Must ours?" she asked, pouting prettily even while she raised her fushed face to his.

A second later she cried out: "Ah, you have taken three."
"What, dearest?"

"That we are engaged."
"Yes," he answered, laughingly—that's for luck."

THE END.

A Boston boy, with the proverbial Boson culture, was visiting his aunt in the west, and was found in her jelly closet poaching upon her preserves. "Charlie," exclaimed the aunt, "I am surprised." "No, aunt," replied the youngster, "you are astonished; it is I who am surprised."

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